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# OVERVIEW AND UPDATE OF STATE'S VACCINATION POLICY

# COVID-19 Vaccination Update

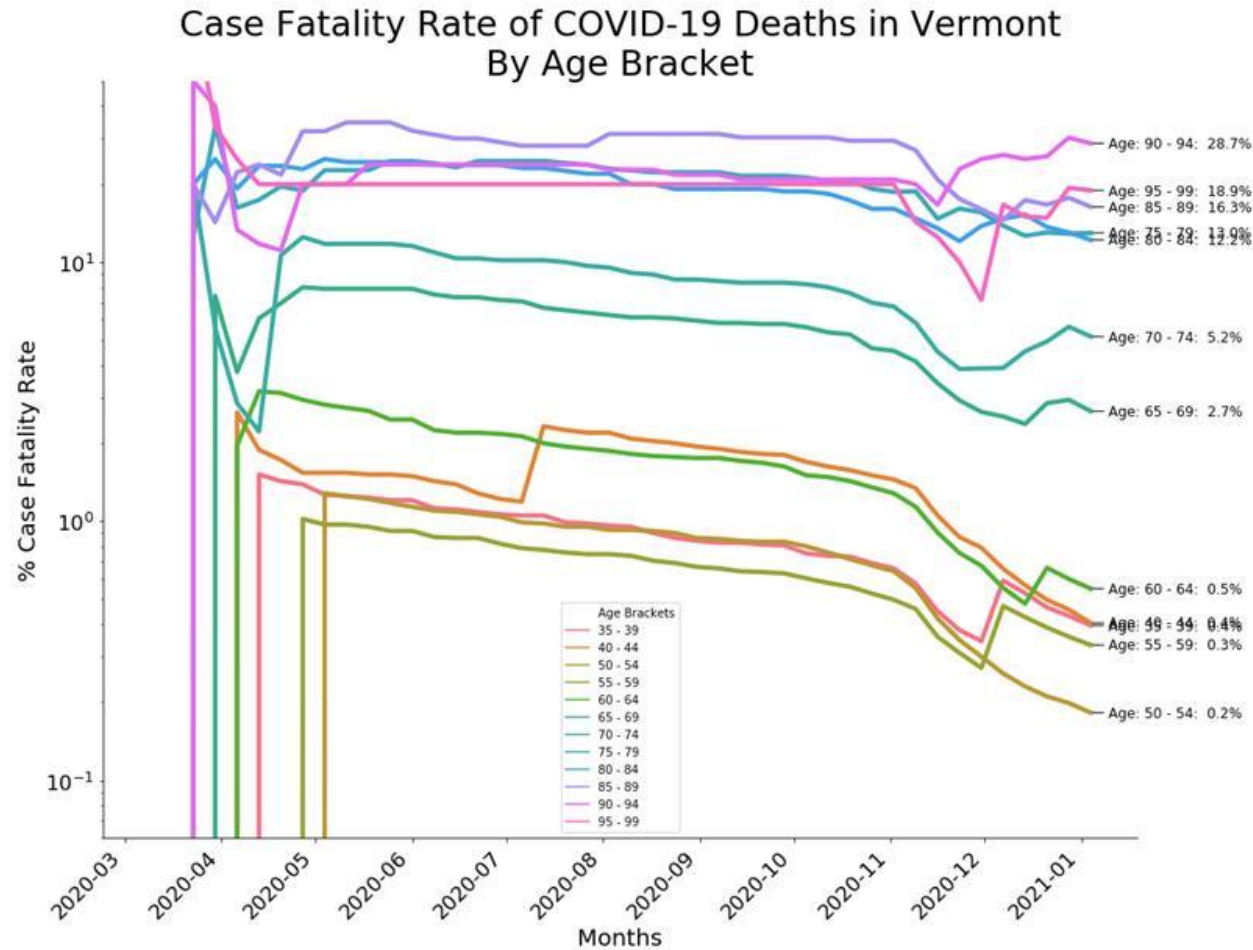
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## OVERVIEW OF STRATEGY

- Vermont has worked hard to take a data-driven approach in our vaccination delivery strategy.
- Our primary strategy with vaccinations is to prevent deaths among Vermonters and we are honing our strategy to prioritize saving lives, and ensure the next phases are easy to implement, communicate, and understand.
- **Based on data and our goal to prevent deaths – Vermont is taking an approach in delivery that is based on age group and chronic conditions at this time.**
- To date our federal allocation of vaccine doses has been limited. We expect to receive approximately 8,800 doses each week.

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Age 95-99: 18.9%

Age 90-94: 28.7%

Age 85-89: 16.3%

Age 80-84: 12.2%

Age 75-79: 13.0%

Age 70-74: 5.2%

Age 65-69: 2.7%

Age 60-64: .5%

Age 55-59: .4%

Age 50-54: .2%

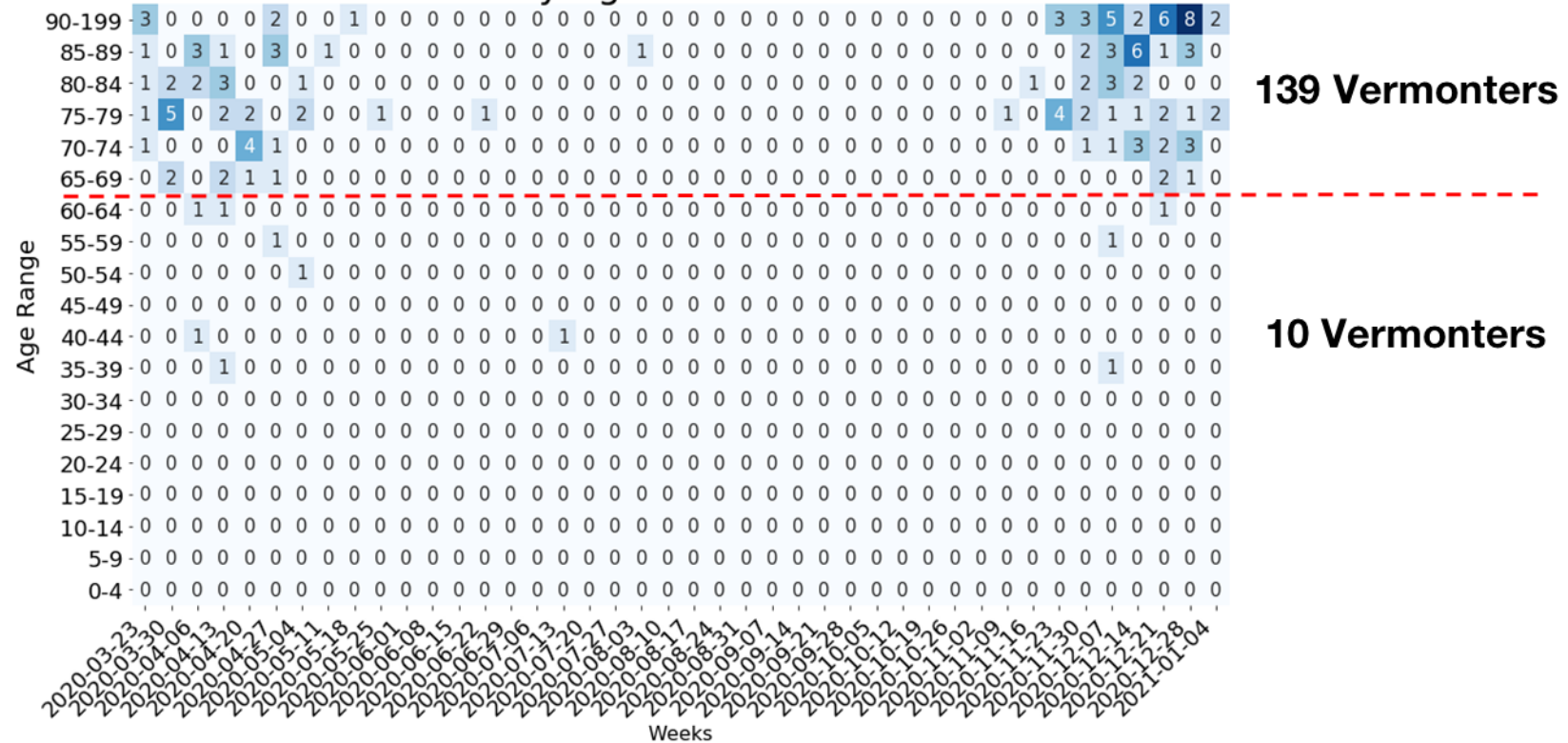
Age 45-49: .4%

Age 40-44: .4%

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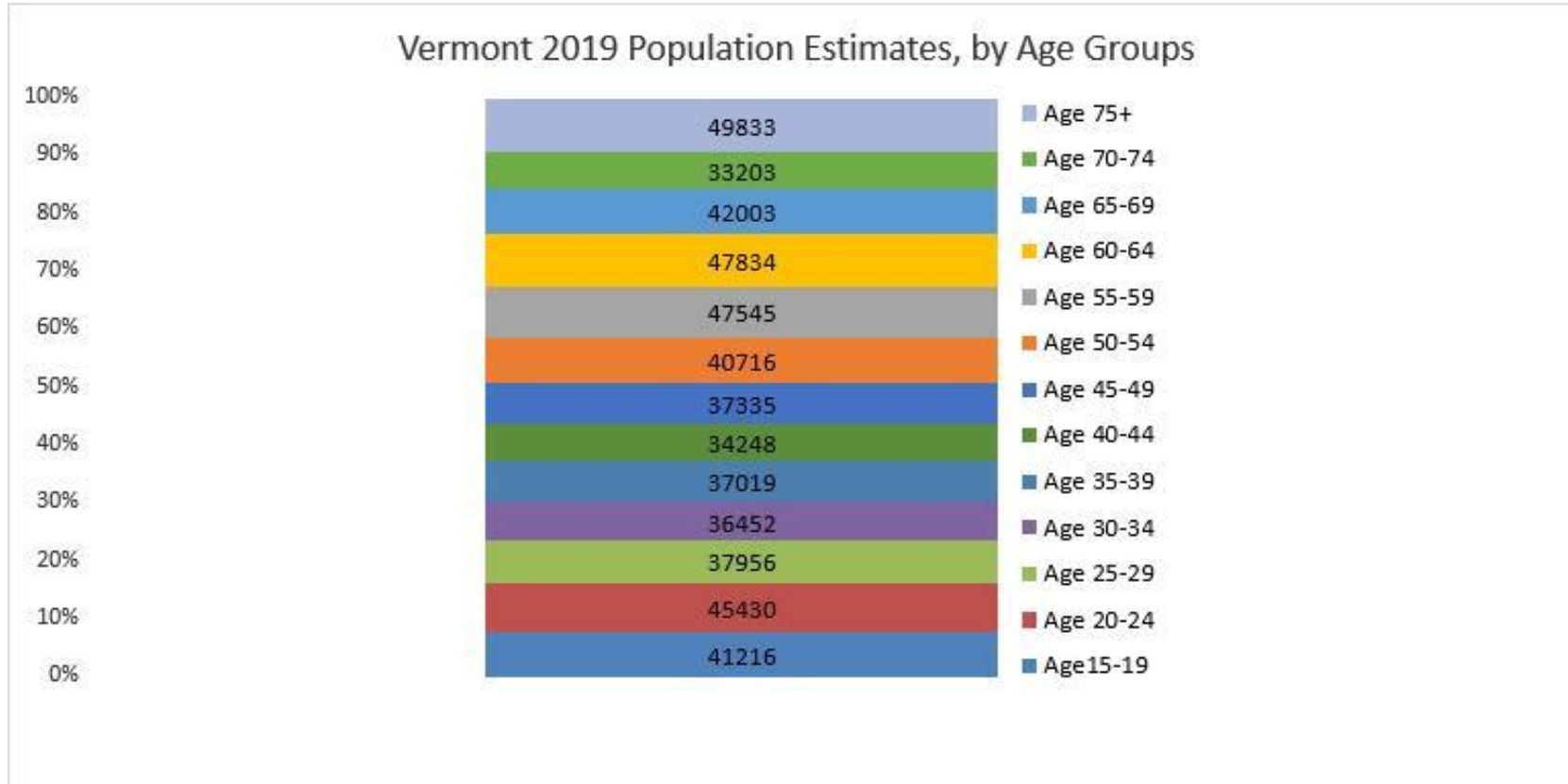
## Heatmap of COVID-19 Deaths in Vermont By Age Over Time



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## Demographics by Age-bands





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**Vermonters with COVID-19 who are high risk have more serious health outcomes.**

## Average Length of Illness (Days)



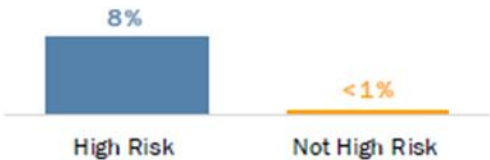
Nearly 1 in 3 high risk Vermonters hospitalized are admitted to the ICU (31%).

## Average Length of Hospitalization (Days)



All deaths have been among those who are high risk.

## Percent hospitalized



**4%** case fatality rate among those who are high risk.

**0%** case fatality rate among those who are not high risk (0 deaths).

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## SUMMARY

- (On or before) January 25: [www.health.Vermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine](http://www.health.Vermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine) will be updated with information for Vermonters 75 and older to access vaccination appointments.
- January 27: Vermonters 75 and older can be vaccinated
  - More details in the coming days on exactly how eligible Vermonters can register for appointments.
  - Vaccines will be available in multiple settings
- Vermont plans to remain among the top states for the percentage of doses administered.



## PPP INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- The Treasury and SBA have released an [18-page guidance doc](#) for second-time borrowers.
- [Calculation processes and required documentation for first-time borrowers](#) by business type.
- **HOW TO APPLY:**
  - [SBA guidance outlines a four-step process](#)
    - 1. Contact your lender for the correct form
    - 2. Compile documentation needed
    - 3. Submit documentation to lender
    - 4. Stay in communication with your lender!

More Questions? **Contact your PPP Lender or find more information at [www.sba.gov/ppp](http://www.sba.gov/ppp)**

# OVERVIEW AND UPDATE OF PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

# Paycheck Protection Program Resources

## PPP GUIDANCE RESOURCES

- “Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program as Amended by Economic Aid Act,”  
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP-IFR-Paycheck-Protection-Program-as-Amended-by-Economic-Aid-Act.pdf>
- “Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw Loans,” which establishes guidelines for new PPP loans to businesses that previously received a PPP loan. <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP-IFR-Second-Draw-Loans.pdf>
- “Guidance on Accessing Capital for Minority, Underserved, Veteran and Women-Owned Business Concerns,”  
<https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/202101/Guidance%20on%20Accessing%20Capital%20for%20Minority%20Underserved%20Veteran%20and%20Women%20Owned%20Business%20Concerns%20.pdf>
- **Affiliation Rules** applicable to U.S. Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program.  
<https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/Affiliation%20rules%20overview%20%28for%20public%29%20v2.pdf>

# ACCD Legislative Preview

## Recovery

- Business support to those most impacted businesses
- Financial relief for businesses unable to access federal financial support
- Marketing Economic Development, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation

## Reemployment

- Unemployment Insurance Relief
- Vermont Relocated Worker Grant Program

## Reinvestment

- Place-Based Tax Increment Financing
- Vermont Housing Incentive Partnership
- Modernize and Improve Act 250
- Downtowns

"Of course, we can't accomplish any of this if we don't help our businesses survive over the next few months. We all know without strong employers, we won't have the jobs that generate the tax revenue needed to help the vulnerable, fund schools, pave roads and pay for priorities like climate change and clean water. "

- Gov. Phil Scott  
Inaugural Address  
January 7, 2020

# FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT

FFCRA Paid Sick Leave required covered employers to provide 80 hours of paid sick leave for COVID-19 related reasons, plus an additional 10 weeks of paid family and medical leave at 2/3 pay for employees needing to care for a child due to a school or child care provider closure.

**These requirements expired on December 31, 2020.**

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021), **did not extend the requirement that employers make paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave available to employees.**
- However, it did extend the tax credit available to employers for payments made to employees as paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave through March 31, 2021.

Thus, **employers may voluntarily elect to provide paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave to employees and will receive tax credits for doing so through March 31, 2021.** There is no legal requirement that they do so.

Any paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave taken by employees up to December 31, 2020 must still be paid by employers despite the expiration of the FFCRA.